

COMMERCIAL MATTERS.

Prize of the Queen Victoria.—The Prince of Wales, on his visit to this country, will be attended by nine gentlemen of honor and one of the Queen's Secretaries of State, who will probably be the Duke of Newcastle.

The confirmation of Prince Alfred.—In rather a patronizing manner the Court journals stated that there would be no state observed, and that the religious rite would be performed with every simplicity.

A recent letter of Queen Victoria.—There was one circumstance which gave to politicians a peculiar interest, viz.: the presence of the Swiss envoy, M. de la Rive. Never since her Majesty's accession, not even during the complications respecting Neuchâtel, has the republic sent an envoy to England.

The Prescott Historical Prize.—The best Essay on the Hartford Convention by a student of Trinity College, Conn., has been awarded to Mr. Charles H. Stocking of the Senior Class. Geo. Ticknor of Boston, author of a History of Spanish Literature, was the judge who made the award.

Paul Mendelssohn.—The brother of the composer, proposes to publish a collection of the latter's correspondence, and he calls on all who have any manuscripts from his hand, to allow him to use them. Herr Dreyer will edit the volume.

Mrs. Titens.—who is now about commencing an engagement at Her Majesty's Theatre, in London, was recently singing at Barcelona, in Spain; her admirers, on her benefit night, presented her a laurel crown in silver with berries in gold.

N. W. Lyon.—A Revolutionary soldier, died at his residence in Easton, Conn., on the morning of the 18th inst., in his 101st year. He was engaged in the Commissariat Department of the Army for some time.

A Paris musical critic.—in paying a compliment to the talent of Miss Isabella Hunkley of Albany, now the prima donna of the Grand Opera at Amsterdam, calls her *Miss Isabella Inci!*

The Academy of Sciences of Paris.—occupied a part of its last sitting in discussing the question whether it still retained any bears in the County of Michigan, United States.

Mr. Albert Smith.—recently closed his entertainment "China," with its four hundredth repetition. On Easter Monday he was to give a remodeled edition of "Mont Blanc."

There are now in the Massachusetts State Prison at Charlestown 512 convicts, a larger number than it ever before contained.

Julien's widow.—an English woman, is said to be in the greatest distress in Paris.

The St. George's Society of Toronto.—instead of providing their annual dinner on Monday, celebrated the occasion in the cathedral, and gave to the poor the money the banquet would have cost.

Mr. Alexander Parker.—a citizen of Philadelphia, died on Friday, at an advanced age. He was an excellent botanist, and was passionately fond of flowers and shrubbery, and was the proprietor of an institution favorably known to the past generation as "Parker's Garden." When Tenth street was opened, twenty five years ago, it was cut through the middle of his garden; this sorely distressed him, and caused a harmless mental aberration.

The Florence correspondent of The Newark Advertiser says that the wife and children of Dr. Achilli, about whom some excitement was recently created in Hoboken, are in a perfectly destitute condition, living on the alms of our countrymen in Florence. He shipped them at New-York last year, under a specious pretext, with the promise to supply their wants monthly by bills of exchange, since which the only intelligence they have had of him was through the newspaper report of his having another woman and child in New-Jersey. Measures have been taken to call him to account.

George Smith. the mate of the schooner A. L. Packer, run down and sunk last week in the Sound, has returned safely to his home. The last captain said of him he was floating in the water; a boat from the vessel with which the schooner came in collision went after him, and after much exertion he was saved. So the only person lost by the accident is Frank Stearns the cook.

Another step toward what it is to be hoped will be a final settlement of the quarrel about the little Ella Burns has just been taken at Cincinnati. The father, Mr. Whitten, appeared as petitioner in a suit against Miss Martha Pollock, alias Burns. The respondent did not appear. The petitioner alleged that there had been an infraction of the covenants of the indenture in this: that Miss P. undertook therein to provide maintenance for the child, whereas she has been exhibiting her, making her not only support herself, but furnishing a large revenue to the respondent. The father of the child also objected to having his daughter brought out in public; claimed that the respondent had no right to take her out of the State, and that she was not a proper guardian for her, being a woman of low and bad reputation. These points seemed to be sustained by the evidence, and the verdict of the Jury was "that the defendant had violated the contract of indenture, and was guilty of gross cruelty toward the child, and also for \$500 damages." All this is very well, but the woman Pollock is not to be found, and the child, Ella, is with her.

Sonator Andrew Johnson recently made a speech on the Homestead bill. In the course of his remarks, he quoted a passage from Macaulay's "Horatius," and introduced it thus: "To show what was the policy of Rome in her most prosperous days, I will read a portion of one of the old Roman laws, translated and published by Macaulay."

Mr. K. K. Jones. the late editor of *The Whig and Republican*, a flourishing daily printed at Quincy, Ill., has retired, and his place is to be taken by Mr. J. W. Ray, late of *The Aurora Beacon*.

The railway conductor by whose negligence the accident on the Grand Trunk Road occurred last Wednesday, near Stratford, Canada, has been arrested on a charge of manslaughter, the Coroner's jury finding a verdict calling for the issue of such a warrant.

It is said, though the tale is not corroborated, that recently five members of a family residing in Fayetteville, Brown County, Ohio, died by poison, which had been mixed with flour. The miller had misused considerable quantities of flour, and determining to detect the thief, mixed arsenic with a bag of the staple commodity, which he placed in a conspicuous place and awaited the result. The bag was gone one morning, and shortly thereafter it was generally known that the Story family was poisoned. It is said the mother confessed the theft.

The Receivers of the Norwalk Bank of Bangor. Me., have made an unexpectedly favorable report on condition. There is now in the bank, \$30,000, immediate assets amounting to \$25,000, and other good paper, amounting in all to about \$100,000, while its liabilities are but little more than \$100,000. The stockholders have petitioned the Court to allow the bank to resume operations.

Thompson's Bank Note Reporter says: "The new movement in Congress on the Homestead bill, has further discouraged purchasers of land, and has lowered quotations. The supply continues to exceed the demand—in fact, there is a demand for warrants."

The Bank Statement of weekly averages is looked upon as favorable, the expansion of loans having been checked, while the loss in the specie item is quite moderate in the face of a California receipt near at hand. The contraction of loans is, no doubt, to some extent, involuntary as some of the banks have been unable to find full employment for their receipts. The domestic drain of specie has not been large during the week, and the balance of trade with Philadelphia is now in our favor. The deposit line shows a large decline, but not much larger than the contraction of loans and loss of specie would indicate.

The following is a statement of the condition of the Banks of the City of New-York:

Bank	Assets	Liabilities	Capital
Bank of Albany	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Bank of America	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Bank of Commerce	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Bank of Montreal	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Bank of New-York	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
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